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Intended Soldier Boy Crushes His Foot

Women Pass The Wine In Paris
Christian Church—Auto Stalls
And Driver Forgets S. S. Lesson.

The Louisiana Press Journal comments that Miss Mildred Pearl of Mexico left Saturday for Richmond, Mo., where she met nine Richmond girls and they left for Sarcosie, Mo., to pick strawberries. They were chaperoned by Mrs. Walter McNabb Miller of Columbia.

The Auxvasse Review remarks that when J. P. Holland, northeast of that town, an old war veteran, came to town the other day to draw the interest on his Liberty Bond he immediately invested the money in Thrift Stamps and said he wished he could buy a million.

Claude Canter of near Clarksville while driving a tractor a few days ago in changing his position on the seat resting one leg he threw the other leg over a shifting lever and his foot became caught in some of the wheels and was so badly crushed that it was found necessary to amputate it at once. It is said that Mr. Canter stopped the machine and when help arrived two bolts had to be removed before his mangled foot could be released. Mr. Canter is a fine young fellow and was planning to go to the colors soon.

The Paris Mercury says that for the first time in the history of Paris Christian Church women presided at the communion table Sunday morning and passed the wine and bread to the congregation.

The Paris Appeal reports that Will Rodes, Misses Oma McGee and Virginia Newton spent Sunday night in an automobile on the road between Goss and Stoutsville. They were returning from a trip to Hannibal when something went wrong with their engine along about 8:30. A heavy rain and thunder storm overtook them. Worse still, they were unable to get phone service to a Paris garage and could not get a relief car until 4:30 the next morning. There is a rumor to the effect that Will Rodes did not repeat any passages from the Sunday school lesson during this trying experience.

GERMANS FEEL HIGH PRICES.

Communal Kitchens Popular Even
Among More Well-to-do.

Columbia, Mo., May 26.—Reports coming to the office of the Missouri Division of the United States Food Administration say that communal kitchens are becoming more and more popular in Germany and Austria. It is estimated that in cities of 10,000 one-fourth of the inhabitants depend upon these for their food, and in cities of 500,000 the proportion mounts to one-third. There are two distinct classes of kitchens, one for the very poor where food is furnished at less than cost, and another which is self-supporting.

There was at first among the middle classes a prejudice against eating in the communal kitchens, because it smacked of charity. Now, however, under the pinch of high prices, and the lack of fuel, one sees a different class of people there.

SHOOT FOR RED CROSS.

The County Gun Club will shoot at the Old Fair Grounds Friday afternoon. The prizes won will be auctioned off for the benefit of the Red Cross.



TEAM WORK COUNTS!

Audrain Soldiers Get Married

John Machin's Misfortune--Notes

"Somewhere-In-France."

We are indebted to Mr. Walter Allen of Rush Hill for the following from his son in France. Letter was written April 20 and O.K'd by Second Lieut. A. F. White, censored April 23.

Somewhere in France, Sunday, April 20, 1918.

Dear Father and Sisters:

It has been a long time since I heard from you, but I feel like you are all alright. I'm feeling fine.

We are located in a small village. This country is many years behind America. The houses are built of stone. They even have stone roofs, with moss all over them, that shows they are pretty old buildings. Mostly the family live in one end of the building, the stable at the other end. They are just as far behind in farming. I tell you it is interesting to watch them work. Some of them work four horses to a plow; they have them all strung out in a string, one behind the other, and some of them work one ox and one horse. Some work oxen altogether. This is a pretty country. The grass is green. Altho it is pretty cool all the time.

Another thing is their money. I am getting so I can half-way count it now.

I wrote you a letter a few days ago. Tell everybody hello for me, and tell them to write me. How are you getting along with the farming?

Goodbye. FRED ALLEN. Co. M., 28th Infantry.

Mexico Soldier Married.

Lieutenant Shields Moore, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Moore of Mexico, and Miss Cornelia Carr Dyer were married Monday afternoon at the home of the brides parents in St. Louis. Lieut. Moore is with the aviation section of the Signal Corps. After the wedding he returned to his field duties at San Antonio, Texas. His wife is highlyly beloved—one of St. Louis' very best young women.

Following is a clipping from a letter written by Matt Wymore and Willis Waugh, who left Mexico with the last contingent of Audrain drafted men for Jefferson Barracks:

We arrived at Jefferson Barracks safely. Were examined and given uniforms. All the Mexico boys passed the examinations. Saturday afternoon Merritt Roberts and we were shipped and are now on our way to Del Rio, Texas, 313th Cavalry. We have received fine treatment, good meals, etc., all the time.

'Nother Soldier Married.

Mr. Ernest Stuart, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Stuart of near Mexico, and Miss Linnle Stalcup of Mexico, volunteered for war service in Chicago recently and a few days ago was called to Jefferson Barracks for training. Mrs. Philbert will visit with her Mexico relatives for a time.

and Miss Iona Smith of Jonesburg were married in Mexico Wednesday afternoon of last week. They went to Jonesburg for a short visit with the bride's parents. Both are fine young people. We wish the husband good luck and a safe return from the war. Mr. Stuart was in the draft and left Monday with the other Audrain boys for Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Two Sons Overseas.

(From the Vandalia Leader.)

Renfro Gibbs of Mexico, the veteran traveling man, was in Vandalia Sturday, on his regular trip. Mr. Gibbs has two sons who have answered the call of their country. Anderson, now with an aviation corps in England, reaching there two weeks ago, and Renfro, Jr., in the infantry who has been in France for six weeks.

Like other patriotic American fathers, Mr. Gibbs was carrying his sons' latest letters with him. "We are in England," he says, camped on the lawn of an old mansion over 100 years old. We have the use of all its rooms. Everyone is extremely friendly and certainly seem glad to see us. We are near a large town, but of course I can not tell its name, and we go there frequently. It was while attending a picture show here that I saw all the women smoking cigarettes."

Renfro, who is in France, writes that every move they make carries them nearer the front.

Willard Kemp, son of James Kemp of Mexico, was in New York City on his way with U. S. troops for France. He saw 150,000 soldiers parade down the street of the Knickerbocker town on the eve of his departure for overseas.

Wm. Gooldy, formerly of this county, is with the Missouri National Guards in France.

John Machin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Machin of Mexico, who belongs with the soldier boys at Fort Dodge Iowa, was operated on some months ago at Fort Dodge for a gathering back of his ear, after an attack of pneumonia. He arrived here two or three weeks ago on a short furlough and while here was compelled to undergo another operation. He was born and reared near Farber and is a fine fellow. We hope he may soon be all right again physically.

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Raymond Hutchison, who left with the last contingent of Audrain county drafted men for Camp Funston some time ago, departed last week, it is said, on his way for France.

Ensign Herbert Plunkett, after a short visit to his parents in Mexico, has returned to his post of duty at New Port, Rhode Island.

The Martinsburg base ball team is broken up. Every member has gone to the war.

CHAMP CHIMES.

Most of our farmers are thru planting corn and have a good stand. A few who sent off for their seed had to call on their neighbors for home-grown seed before they got a stand.

Mrs. John L. Smith who suffered a paralytic stroke last October suffered a second stroke last Saturday. The young people gave a theatrical at Bethel Church last Friday night for the benefit of the Red Cross and took in about \$60.00.

Will Pryor and James Sneed have each presented a new piano to their daughters.

DeRoy Cobb returned home from Central College at Fayette, Mo., last Saturday.

The Hisey School is without a teacher. Miss Mary Hatchure declined the school after she had been elected.

Elmer Deus shipped out a car load of lambs last week which weighed 63 pounds and brought him 16 cents.

Rev. H. I. Cobb went to St. Louis the first of the week to see a specialist about his eyes.

J. E. Durkee proposes that each of the threshers in the county give the income of one day this summer to the Red Cross. The income of one good machine, he figures, is about \$30 a day. There are forty machines in the county. That would help the Red Cross \$1,200. It appears to us a fine idea. Mr. Durkee finds his own business of sales of machines good this year and is going to give more than the results of his company's sales per day as his contribution to the Red Cross.

Miss Quackenbush, the only 42 inches in height, believes in advertising—at least when it brought her a husband.

Beaver Dam Dramatic Club

Gives Pleasing Program And Raises
Neat Sum For The Red Cross—
May Repeat At Benton City And
Rush Hill.

The Beaver Dam Dramatic Club—with some of the best talent to be secured up in that neighborhood—last Friday night at Bethel Methodist Church ably presented the drama entitled "Dora Thorne." There was a crowded house and the interest was so intense you could have heard a pin drop at any time in the progress of the play.

There were 13 characters, represented by the following: Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wayne, Elizabeth Dillard, Eunice Threlkeld, Marcellus Threlkeld, Dan Wayne, Roy Harrison, Holbert Dodd, Nellie Booth, Laurene Miller, Gertrude Crews, Cecil Crews and Creel Dillard.

Between acts Erma Summerville and Laurene Miller sang and Nellie Booth whistled the Star Spangled Banner and Yankee Doodle.

There was an admission of 25 and 35 cents at the door, and the proceeds, amounting to near \$65, were turned over to the Red Cross.

Egbert Miller served as critic for the play. The Club has invitations to give the drama at Rush Hill and Benton City.

RECITAL

By Pupils of Mrs. Snoddy, Friday,
May 31, 1918

Norwegian Bridal Procession Grieg
Alice Lee Springer and Allene Reed
a Barcarolle - Duvernoy
b. Fairy Guard - Lemont

Miss Ruth Crews
The Angel's Prayer
Miss Mary Cordelia Mason
La Cigale - Bachman

Miss Mary Leah Carter
a Nocturne - Fields
b. Humoresque - Dvorak

Miss Cornelia Miller
Melody in F - Rubenstein
Miss Mary McIntyre
The Butterfly - Lavalley

Miss Allene Reed
Isabella Waltz - Bachman
Miss Grace Henderson
The Chase - Rheinberger

Miss Allene Reed
Valse Arabesque - Lack
Miss Alice Lee Springer
Polacca Brillante - Bohm

Miss Cornelia Miller
Miss Sadie Travis of Laddonia is taking treatment in the Osteopathic Hospital at Kirksville.

THREE MARRIAGE LICENSES.

County Recorder Mrs. Nettie Stephens issued the following marriage licenses Saturday: Donald Rose and Miss Janie Mayes of Centralia, Joe M. Barnes of Sturgeon and Miss Mettie Lee Crosswhite of Centralia, and Wm. A. Beadle and Mrs. Loraine Fitts, both of Mexico.

MR. BUSH PRESIDENT.

At the State meeting of the Missouri Funeral Directors' Association in St. Louis last week M. S. Bush of the M. S. Bush Undertaking Co. of Mexico, was elected president. The association has 600 members. The meeting next year is in Columbia.

Good luck and God bless you to every soldier boy who left the county Monday for war training. You go to fight for a right cause. The Red Cross and the county will not fail to back you up.

A Patriotic Decision

To The Mexico Message:

The Evangelical Church at Rush Hill by unanimous vote has decided to eliminate the German language from all its services.

We venture the prediction that this decision will add materially to the growth and strength of this church, and while it may not help win the war it is a further proof that we are one united people. OBSERVER.

STALCUP'S ENTERPRISE COUNCIL OF DEFENSE BAND

Hezekiah Mourning's Grandmother
99 Years Old—Mr. Paulin's Progressiveness—Miss Shelton, May Queen.

Mexico, Mo., May 26.—Hezekiah Mourning and his grandmother, Mrs. Coons, the latter 99 years old, are here from Kansas City on a visit to friends.

W. A. Paulin, who farms out near Skinner, has joined the Mexico Commercial Club, or, rather our Chamber of Commerce. Paulin believes in the unity of action of town and country folks.

Miss Lyda Stalcup is the right sort of a girl for you. She has joined the Mexico Chamber of Commerce, last week she gave \$25 to the Red Cross and has pledged herself to give one dollar a month to the local Red Cross during the continuance of the war. Miss Stalcup is with Morris Haas Poultry Co.

Lemuel Spotswood and family recently moved from Moline to Mexico. Lemuel is a very fine fellow. He is doing carpenter work.

Hardin College closes her year's work tonight. The baccalaureate sermon was preached last Sunday by Rev. H. E. Truex of St. Louis.

The Council of Defense organized a War Band here last week. They will furnish music free for war activities this summer. Those who volunteered their services are: J. C. Stoy, Gus Sannan, Will Williams, George Snook, Nolan Fry, Curtis Mitchell, Gibson Winans, Blake Williams, Pemberton Blattner, Charlie Machin, Charles Franey, Raymond Heidbreder, John Dearing, John Painter, and William Barre.

Miss Lillian Shelton of Chillicothe was crowned Queen of the May Fete by the Hardin College Department of Physical Training. Miss Colone Smith, last year's Queen, presented Miss Shelton with her crown, and Miss Eleanor Connolly of Harrisonville, Queen in 1916, and Miss Vera Douglass, Queen in 1915, were maids in the Queen's Court. Miss Maud Biggs and Miss Ruth Seider were maids of honor. Miss Mary Norris and Miss Vera Rutter were the Her-alds to the Queen. Miss Shelton is president of the Senior Class and will receive her A. A. degree this year. She has been a student in Hardin the last two years and is one of the most attractive and popular young women of the school.

The Mexico Masons purchased a \$50 Third Liberty Loan Bond which they turned over to the Red Cross. It was auctioned off at the Court House Saturday and was bid in by C. A. Barnes for \$75.

Born, last Saturday, to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Shoup of near Mexico, a son.

MEXICO SAVINGS BANK

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Capital Stock \$100,000

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J. R. JESSE, Cashier.